



Dear Friend:

Fairfax County Athletic Council (FCAC) is pleased to announce the third annual **Fairfax County Champion of Character Awards**. This award program honors coaches and youth for extraordinary service in pursuing victory with honor and demonstrating the basics of good character: *trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship* in Fairfax County sports. The Champion of Character Awards is based on the National Character Counts Sports Project. The project's aim is to help restore the ennobling tradition of amateur athletic competition. The FCAC invites you to nominate outstanding adults and/or youth who have demonstrated extraordinary service in the sports community.

Nominees (adult or youth participating in any County sports league) will be invited to the 2003 Sports Forum at the Fairfax County Government Center, Sunday, February 9, 2003. The nominees will receive certificates of recognition and be recognized in the program book. The awards will be presented by the Honorable Katherine K. Hanley, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Anthony H. Griffin and myself during the Sports Forum Opening Event.

Nominations are now being accepted and may be submitted by individuals, sports organizations, civic groups, schools, and the faith community. **The deadline for submission of nomination is 5 p.m., close of business, January 3, 2003.** We know you will want to be part of this exciting effort.

Sincerely,

David L. Lacey
Chairman

Enclosures



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Fairfax County Department of
Community and Recreation Services
and
Fairfax County Athletic Council

CRS is committed to nondiscrimination in all county programs, services, and activities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. Please call (703) 324-5532 at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 222-9693.

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Champion of Character **AWARDS** 2003 Application Form

**Awards Ceremony at the
2003 Sports Forum**

Nominations due
Friday, January 3, 2003

Ceremony
Sunday, February 9, 2003
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Fairfax County Athletic Council
Community and Recreation Services**

Selection Criteria

One coach, one male and one female player will be selected from each magisterial district. All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of judges.

Nomination Guidelines

- Nominees may be any youth or coach participating in Fairfax County league sports during the year 2002.
- Nomination must be received by 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 3, 2003
- A brief description (100 words or less) on how the player/coach has shown outstanding strength of character must accompany the nomination form.
- Nominations are subject to verification.



Nominee for Players

Nominee should be an individual who has demonstrated outstanding strength of character while:

- Respecting opponents and game officials
- Treating all team players fairly, giving attention to all players regardless of skill level
- Giving respect and consideration to other team members
- Helping fellow teammates with words of encouragement, and inspiration
- Playing true to the spirit and rules of the game, and promoting friendly competition
- Exhibiting grace under pressure and in the face of adversity
- Exhibiting courage in defeat, and moderation in victory.
- Willing to sacrifice personal goals for those of the team
- Giving back to the team or program by helping out when able



Nominee for Coaches

Nominee should be an individual who has demonstrated outstanding strength of character while:

- Being respectful to opponents and game officials
- Treating all team players fairly, giving attention to all players regardless of skill level
- Recognizing the efforts of individual team members
- Motivating team and individuals in a positive manner
- Focusing on long term goals, not just win/loss records
- Promoting the concept that success is measured by individual and team efforts, not by a scoreboard
- Imparting knowledge and love of the game to the team in a positive manner
- Taking responsibility for the behavior of self, team, and parents
- Exhibiting courage in defeat, and moderation in victory.

Questions: Catherine Hanes (703) 324-5649
catherine.hanes@fairfaxcounty.gov

Nominee: _____

Affiliation (if any) _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (daytime): _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

In which district of Fairfax County was the volunteer work performed: (check one below)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Braddock | <input type="checkbox"/> Dranesville | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Mill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lee | <input type="checkbox"/> Mason | <input type="checkbox"/> Mount Vernon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Providence | <input type="checkbox"/> Springfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Sully |

Nominator: _____

Affiliation (if any) _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (daytime): _____

Fax: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

I verify that the individual nominated herein has performed as described. Judges may contact me for verification of this nomination.

Mail To

Fairfax County Department of
Community and Recreation Services
12011 Government Center Parkway, 10th Floor
Fairfax, VA 22035-1115
ATTN: Catherine Hanes

Submission Deadline

Before 5 p.m. on Friday, January 3, 2003